

# Employment Opportunities

National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior



The National Park Service seeks students, professionals, and other individuals from numerous academic disciplines and trades for a wide variety of internship, seasonal, and permanent positions available throughout the nation. Since its inception in 1916, the National Park Service has been dedicated to the preservation and management of this country's outstanding natural, historical, and recreational resources. Today, the National Park Service encompasses more than 380 sites across the United States and in Guam, Saipan, Samoa, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. There are parks of great natural beauty and grandeur, such as the Grand Canyon, Denali, and Yellowstone; parks that preserve the nation's cultural and historical treasures, such as the White House, Brown v. Board of Education, Mesa Verde, and Gettysburg Battlefield; and parks of significant national beauty along seashores, lakeshores, and riverways, providing opportunities for outdoor activities, such as Cape Hatteras, Assateague Island, and Lake Mead.

## Benefits of Working for National Park Service

- Work for a conservation agency
- Provide public service
- Excellent vacation and sick leave program
- Family friendly work policies
- Leave sharing program
- Flexible work schedules
- Retirement benefits including Thrift Savings (401K)
- Life and health insurance
- Interesting work
- Work in beautiful, scenic places
- Learn about our country's history
- Flexible work place
- Possible tuition assistance
- Live in places where most Americans want to visit

## Permanent Employment

Vacancy announcements are available on the Internet at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov). It is highly recommended that applicants get a copy of the vacancy announcement for the job(s) they are interested in.

## Eligible Applicants

- Must currently be a permanent Federal employee **OR**
- Have been a permanent Federal employee **OR**
- May apply through an "All Sources" announcement **OR**
- May be veterans who are honorably discharged after at least 3 years of continuous active military service. (Check on specific announcement to see if eligible to apply) **OR**
- Must be eligible for special appointing authorities such as:
  - VISTA volunteer
  - Peace Corps staff or volunteer
  - Disabled Veteran
  - Disabled Person
  - Student Programs(Call or check the web site for more information about specific requirements of these programs.)

## Career Fields Include

- Administration
- Archaeology
- Architecture
- Biological Science
- Community Planning
- Concessions
- Cultural Resources
- Engineering
- Fire Management
- Health and Safety
- History
- Information Technology
- Landscape Architecture
- Maintenance
- Natural Resources
- Park Police
- Park Ranger
- Park Site Interpretation
- Physical Science
- Visitor Protection

## Application Information Needed

- Application must be submitted for a specific job announcement.
- DI-1935 Background Survey Questionnaire (Optional)
- Responses to knowledge, skills, and abilities as specified in job announcement.
- Other material requested in job announcement.

## Seasonal Employment

The National Park Service hires many seasonal employees throughout the year. Applicants may apply to specific announcements posted on the Internet at [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov) or [www.sep.nps.gov](http://www.sep.nps.gov) or by calling toll-free 1-877-554-4550. It is highly recommended that applicants get a copy of the vacancy announcement for the job(s) they are interested in.

## Jobs Include

- Park Ranger (Law Enforcement, Interpretive, General)
- Biological Science Technician
- Park Guide
- Visitor Use Assistant (Fee Collector)
- Forestry Technician (Fire Fighter)
- Maintenance

## Student Employment

Students are provided the opportunity to apply for federal jobs through the Student Educational Employment Program. The **Student Educational Employment Program (SEEP)** has two components: **Student Temporary Employment** and **Student Career Experience**. It is available to all levels of students: high school, vocational and technical, associate degree, baccalaureate degree, graduate degree, and professional degree students. Students may be employed year-round with flexible schedule of work assignments.

### Student Temporary Employment Component

Job opportunities under this component offer you temporary employment. Employment can range from summer jobs to positions that can last for as long as you are a student. These employment opportunities need not necessarily be related to your academic field of study.

### Student Career Experience Component

Valuable work experience directly related to academic field of study is offered to students through this component. It provides formal periods of work and study while the student is attending school. It requires a commitment by the student, the school, and the National Park Service. After successfully completing education and work requirements, the student may be offered a permanent Federal job.

## Eligibility Requirements

Students are eligible under the SEEP if they are:

- A student enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree-seeking student (diploma, certificate, etc.).
- At least 16 years of age.
- Taking at least half-time academic or vocational and technical course load in an accredited high school, 2 or 4 year college, university, graduate or professional school.
- A U.S. Citizen.

## Application Information Needed

- Proof of school enrollment
- Resume or application form
- Current transcript

## General Information Internet Sites

Federal Job Announcements  
[www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)

Cooperative Ecosystems Studies Units  
[www.cesu.org/cesu](http://www.cesu.org/cesu)

Seasonal Employment  
[www.sep.nps.gov](http://www.sep.nps.gov)

Email Address: [NPSjobfairs@nps.gov](mailto:NPSjobfairs@nps.gov)  
Voice Mail Message: (303) 987-6966

NPS Intake Trainee Program  
[www.nps.gov/intake](http://www.nps.gov/intake)

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*The National Park Service is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Selection for positions will be made solely on the basis of merit, fitness and qualifications without regard to race, gender, sexual orientation, color, creed, age, marital status, national origin, non-disqualifying handicap conditions, or any other non-merit factor.*

